



CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF CHICAGO

October 1, 2019

**VIA EMAIL**

Matt Chapman  
Muck Rock News  
[76345-59048071@requests.muckrock.com](mailto:76345-59048071@requests.muckrock.com)

FOIA RESPONSE: 195813

Dear Mr. Chapman:

Thank you for writing to the Chicago Fire Department with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.

On July 10, 2019 the attached request was received. The CFD sought an extension on July 17, 2019, July 24, 2019, August 14, 2019, August 29, 2019, September 16, 2019 and is now responding to your request. In your request, you sought the following:

*Agreements that were created to satisfy the statutory requirement from (5ILCS 220)/ Intergovernmental cooperation Act and other acts which include references to intergovernmental agreements, their creation, or maintenance.*

Please be advised that your request has been granted in part. After a careful review of the material responsive to your request, we have determined that portions of the responsive documents are exempt pursuant to Section 7(1)(v) of FOIA, which exempts:

Vulnerability assessments, security measures, and response policies or plans that are designed to identify, prevent, or respond to potential attacks upon a community's population or systems, facilities, or installations, the destruction or contamination of which would constitute a clear and present danger to the health or safety of the community, but only to the extent that disclosure could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the effectiveness of the measures or the safety of the personnel who implement them or the public. Information exempt under this item may include such things as details pertaining to the mobilization or deployment of personnel or equipment, to the operation of communications systems or protocols, or to tactical operations.

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(v), the responsive records constitute vulnerability assessments, security measures and response plans and their release could jeopardize the effectiveness of the security measures.



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Some documents are also exempt pursuant to Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f), which exempts from disclosure, “preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body.” Relative documents withheld include pre-decisional documents in order to determine a course of action, draft e-mails, draft general and/or medical orders and memorandums.

Please be advised, each City Department is a “public body” under Section 2 of FOIA, 5ILCS 140/2(a). See Duncan Publishing, Inc. v. City of Chicago, 304 Ill. App. 3d 778, 784,709 N.E. 2d 1281, 1286 (1<sup>st</sup> District. 1999) (“Clearly, each of the individual departments are subsidiary bodies of the City and are ‘public bodies’ as defined by the FOIA.”) A FOIA request must be directed to the department that maintains the record you are seeking. As a result, we will be unable to accommodate your request as the Chicago Fire Department is not the keeper of the requested documents.

To the extent that your FOIA request has been denied, you have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, (877) 299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court.

Sincerely,  
*Cynthia Linzy*  
CFDFOIA@cityofchicago.org

.RE: Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Request: Intergovernmental Agreements  
(Chicago Department Of Fire)

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Tue 7/9/2019 7:51 PM

To: CFDFOIA <CFDFOIA@cityofchicago.org>

19-5813

Chicago Department Of Fire  
FOIA Office  
3510 S. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60653

July 9, 2019

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On July 9, 2019:

Subject: Re: Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Request: Intergovernmental Agreements (Chicago Department Of Fire)

Please see attached in response to your FOIA request.

Cynthia Linzy

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On June 30, 2019:

Subject: Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Request: Intergovernmental Agreements (Chicago Department Of Fire)

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act., I hereby request the following records:

A copy of all intergovernmental agreements.

An example of an intergovernmental agreement is:

[https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/dcd/tif/T\\_014\\_CTACentralLoopIGA.pdf](https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/dcd/tif/T_014_CTACentralLoopIGA.pdf)

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 5 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Matt Chapman

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July 17, 2019

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**CFD FOIA REQUEST: 195813**

Dear Mr. Chapman:

On behalf of the City of Chicago Department of Fire, I am responding to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests received in our offices on July 10, 2019. At this time, I am seeking an extension of 5 additional working days to respond to the requests for one or more of the following reasons identified in 5 ILCS 140/3(e) of FOIA:

- ( ) the requested records are stored in whole or in part at other locations than the office having charge of the requested records;
- ( ) the request requires the collection of a substantial number of specified records;
- ( ) the request is couched in categorical terms and requires an extensive search for the records responsive to it;
- ( ) the requested records have not been located in the course of routine search and additional efforts are being made to locate them;
- ( ) the requested records require examination and evaluation by personnel having the necessary competence and discretion to determine if they are exempt from disclosure under Section 7 of the FOIA or should be revealed only with appropriate deletions;
- ( ) the request for records cannot be complied with by the public body within the time limits prescribed by 5 ILCS 140/3(d) without unduly burdening or interfering with the operations of the public body;
- (X)** there is need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another public body or among two or more components of a public body having a substantial interest in the determination or in the subject matter of the request.

Sincerely,  
*Cynthia Linn*

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## Re: Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Request: Intergovernmental Agreements (Chicago Department Of Fire)

CFDOIA

Wed 7/24/2019 4:59 PM

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Mr. Chapman,

Looking into your request with our Media Director. Will send you a formal response as soon as complete. Thank you!

Cynthia Linzy

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**From:** 76345-59048071@requests.muckrock.com <76345-59048071@requests.muckrock.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 9, 2019 7:51 PM

**To:** CFDOIA

**Subject:** RE: Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Request: Intergovernmental Agreements (Chicago Department Of Fire)

Chicago Department Of Fire

FOIA Office

3510 S. Michigan Avenue

Chicago, IL 60653

July 9, 2019

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## Re: Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Request: Intergovernmental Agreements (Chicago Department Of Fire)

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Wed 8/14/2019 2:44 PM

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Mr. Chapman,

The Media Director and I are working on amending your response. We will need some additional time due to the volume. As soon as we are complete, I will send you a final response. Thank you.

Cynthia Linzy

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**From:** 76345-59048071@requests.muckrock.com <76345-59048071@requests.muckrock.com>

**Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2019 3:56 PM

**To:** CFDOIA <CFDOIA@cityofchicago.org>

**Subject:** RE: Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Request: Intergovernmental Agreements (Chicago Department Of Fire)

Chicago Department Of Fire

FOIA Office

3510 S. Michigan Avenue

Chicago, IL 60653

August 5, 2019

This is a follow up to a previous request:

Hi - has there been any progress on this request?

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**Re: Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Request: Intergovernmental Agreements (Chicago Department Of Fire)**

CFDOIA

Thu 8/29/2019 11:18 AM

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Mr. Chapman,

We were able to retrieve some agreements based on your request. However, it is voluminous, therefore some additional is needed to review. We will send you a formal response with attachments once complete by or before September 13.

Cynthia Linzy

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**From:** 76345-59048071@requests.muckrock.com <76345-59048071@requests.muckrock.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 4:00 AM

**To:** CFDOIA <CFDOIA@cityofchicago.org>

**Subject:** RE: Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Request: Intergovernmental Agreements (Chicago Department Of Fire)

Chicago Department Of Fire

FOIA Office

3510 S. Michigan Avenue

Chicago, IL 60653

August 29, 2019

This is a follow up to a previous request:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Illinois Freedom of Information Act. request, copied below, and originally submitted on June 30, 2019. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response.

Thanks for your help, and let me know if further clarification is needed.

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## Re: Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Request: Intergovernmental Agreements (Chicago Department Of Fire)

CFDFOIA

Mon 9/16/2019 3:43 PM

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Mr. Chapman,

Still reviewing. Please allow some additional time. Will get a formal response to you as soon as possible.

Cynthia Linzy

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**From:** 76345-59048071@requests.muckrock.com <76345-59048071@requests.muckrock.com>

**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2019 4:01 AM

**To:** CFDFOIA <CFDFOIA@cityofchicago.org>

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Chicago Department Of Fire

FOIA Office

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